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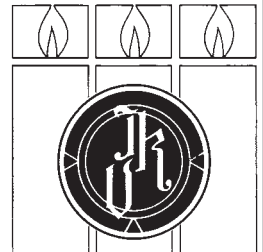


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Welcome to the January edition of Hagley Village News.

This is the first issue of Hagley Village News in 2018! I would like to wish everyone in the village a Happy New Year. January is the month of new beginnings, cold wintery nights and the promise of new years resolutions . It's a time to reflect on the year that has passed and to look forward to the opportunities in the year to come. Check out our New years resolution page on the back of the Village News and don't forget to brush up on the New year song Auld Lang Syne on pg 29.

Congratulations to the nine Hagley Explorer Scouts who conducted their expedition to Germany, more on page 17. It's great to see Haybridge students doing fantastic work for charities and the community with Anti-bullying assemblies, support for the White Ribbon Campaign and collecting for the Black Country Food Bank. More on page 17. Please be advised that Hagley helpline will reopen at 10am on Tuesday January 2nd 2018.

Our fabulous groups and societies have been busy planning a host of activities for their members -if you are not already involved in a group, perhaps this could be a new years resolution?

DID YOU KNOW?

The Roman's named January after the God of gateways, Janus. Janus had two heads so he could look back at the old year and forwards to the new year at the same time.

Esther Gittoes
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The lighting replacement programme has continued and will be extended into the New Year. The dial a ride service continues to be a success and is a much valued service, the more that use it the longer it will last. HPC has completed a tidy up of the cemetery and repaired the gate! We are pleased to see how well the Hagley Neighbourhood Watch is going and were pleased to see the public turnout for the meeting with the Police Crime Commissioner.

The year has seen us continuing our challenge to the Highways Authority on congestion, safety and air quality. Whilst at long last we have been able to secure a mobile speed camera along the A456 we know that this would be welcomed elsewhere in Hagley as well. We continue to be alarmed at the volume of traffic and safety issues that affect the local road networks. Despite some very strong challenges to the County authorities, including tabling our own junction proposals we remain concerned that there has been no positive response.

The Christmas event was well received with the several hundred enjoying what will hopefully become an annual event.

Councillor Steve Colella and everyone from Hagley Parish Council wishing you a very happy New Year.

Steve Colella – Chairman Hagley Parish Council

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Hagley Neighbourhood Watch

Because of the sensitive nature of this subject matter it is not possible to report full details of the results and achievements of the Neighbourhood Watch.

I will say that since we set the Watch page up earlier this year and arranged the three public meetings we have received fantastic support and without your input the successes that we have had couldn't have been achieved. The Watch has alerted residents to actively report suspicious activities or crimes that perhaps wouldn't have been previously, meaning that the Policing Team are fully aware of the effect that crime is having in Hagley.

Whilst we can't eradicate crime completely on our own, I know the Police are appreciative of everyone's support. I do feel that we have a good working relationship with the Police and the visit we had from the Police and Crime Commissioner left the authorities in no doubt what so ever as regards the strength of feel in our community.

I'm sure Anti-Social Behaviour and crime across Hagley hasn't gone completely away and we wait with baited breath for the next criminal act, but whilst we have more eyes watching over each other we have made it a little more difficult for uninvited guests. Have a lovely New Year and as someone once said "Keep 'em peeled".

Hagley Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Steve Colella and Roger Seabury

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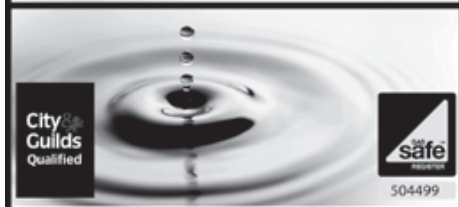
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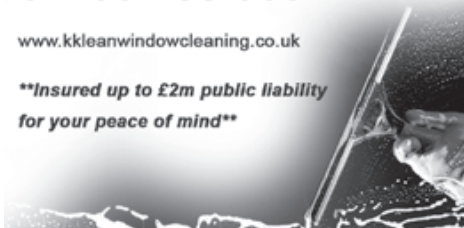
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HAGLEY RAMBLER SCOUTS



This August nine Hagley Explorer Scouts (four boys and five girls) undertook their 'Explorer Belt' Expedition to Germany.

The Explorer Belt is a challenge of a lifetime like no other. It is a chance to take part in a 10-day expedition that brings a real understanding of a different country, its culture and way of life by travelling through that country, working as part of a small team to complete a series of projects and, most importantly, by meeting local people. It is an experience and an achievement that young people will remember for the rest of their lives.

The two teams backpacked across Germany starting in Hannover and made their way to Berlin, passing through such historic cities as Magdeburg and Potsdam on their way. Due to the distances involved they also used public transport but trekked on average 15 to 20 kilometres a day, camping overnight.

The teams had to raise all the funds (nearly £10,000) to meet the costs of such a lengthy and large Expedition, and also had to undertake all the planning, and preparation themselves. Guidance and training was given over a period of over 12 months by the Explorer Leadership Team, in such competences as navigation, team building, expedition cooking, lightweight camping, fitness and first aid. Each team member had to attain these competences before they were allowed to go.

Travelling to Hannover by minibus the teams then took completely different routes to Berlin, supported by the Leaders. Each team had to undertake a major project of their choice which were German Unification and the East West divide, as well as 10 minor projects that included religion, biodiversity, food and the German language to name a few.

The Expedition was a great success, although hard and extremely challenging on occasions. To gain their award the teams gave an evening presentation of their experiences to a panel of County Scout assessors, parents, leaders and friends. They will now be awarded the Explorer Belt, which is without doubt one of the hardest Scouting achievements.

Jim Austin, Scott Explorer Scout Leader

Hagley Scout Group congratulate Lucia, Jenny, Tim, Ellie, Emily, Ellie, Eden, George and Jonny on their achievement.



HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



The weeks running up to Christmas were absolutely packed at Haybridge High School & Sixth Form.

We were honoured to host Mr Rudi Oppenheimer, who survived the Holocaust as a child prisoner in Belsen concentration camp. Rudi spoke for nearly two hours to an audience of 300 students and staff. It was a truly inspirational and very powerful testimony.

Students from Years 9, 10 and 11 visited Parliament for a guided tour and interactive workshop on how the UK voting system operates. We are planning more visits to Westminster for Spring Term to support Personal Development/Citizenship and also A Level Economics & Law.

Our Year 10 Community Ambassadors helped deliver assemblies during Anti-Bullying Week and were guests of honour at a reception at Kidderminster Town Hall hosted by the three mayors of the Wyre Forest towns.

Our Sixth Form students delivered powerful assemblies raising the profile of the White Ribbon Campaign, highlighting the plight of women in violent or controlling relationships. Many of the students were drawn from Year 12 'Think Tank' debate group who also provided our team for the Lord Mayor of Birmingham's Mega Quiz at Birmingham University.

The whole school supported the Black Country Food Bank with collection of non-perishable food items and toiletries to support those in the area who find themselves in need.

We wish all of our friends in the Community a very happy and healthy 2018.

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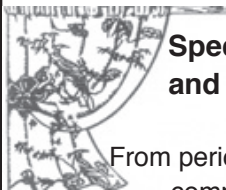
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Hagley Historical and Field Society



Beatrice, born in 1887, was the youngest of seven children of William Cadbury, owner of the world famous chocolate empire, who along with the Frys and Rountrees were dominant in the chocolate world from the 1840s.

Beatrice was an exceptional woman who grew up with all the privileges: a fine mansion with servants, a well-rounded education and the chance to travel the world and see all its glories. Despite her annual income of £400,000 from Cadbury shares, her lifelong quest to create a fairer and more equal society was inspirational, if at times, bordering on self-destruction. The issues raised by her life – how the 1% of those who have most material wealth or power treat the 99% of those who have less are timeless, and utterly relevant today.

Her Socialist ideals made her wealth unacceptable and she gifted all her shares to Cadbury workers. Along with her husband, Kees Boeke, she relentlessly pursued their vision of a fairer and more equal society. One of her bold experiments involved sharing their house with waifs and strays who promptly stole much of the contents. She eventually ended up living in a tent but bad weather and poverty caused health problems and it proved a spectacular failure.

Our next meeting at St Saviour's Church Hall is on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 8.00pm with a presentation by Mick and Carole Freer entitled "Leasowes Walled Garden". The Walled Garden lies at the heart of The Leasowes in Halesowen and was once internationally famous for its design and beauty. It is the mid 18th Century creation of the poet, William Shenstone and a reflection of its importance is its designation as a Grade 1 Listed Garden. Visitors are most welcome at all our events – see hhfs.org.uk for details and contacts.

Jeff Cope



HAGLEY ART CLUB

ART CLUB

At our Meeting on Friday, 12th January, our visiting Artist is David Johnstone, DJ as he likes to be known, and he tells us he will be "Working the Magic". David has demonstrated for us before and undertaken a Workshop. He paints very vibrant coloured pictures and his demonstrations are always very entertaining.

Do hope you enjoyed our Annual Exhibition held the last weekend in November. I can now give the results of the public voting for the 'Best Liked Pictures':

- 1st No 143 "Aberdovey special moments" David Williams
- In joint 2nd place are 4 pictures. A result we have not experienced before:
- No 42 "Peaky Blinder" Hazel Gillard
- No 70 "Winter in little Langdale" Graham Lockett
- No 73 "Black Rock Sands Gull" Graham Lockett
- No 76 "A Quiet corner of the Vendee" Graham Madders

Congratulations to all these Artists. David Williams will be presented with The Alan Pritchard Trophy at our AGM in March.

Looking ahead to our Meeting in February, our visiting Artist will be Carole Baker demonstrating "Adventures in Acrylic".

Happy New Year to all.

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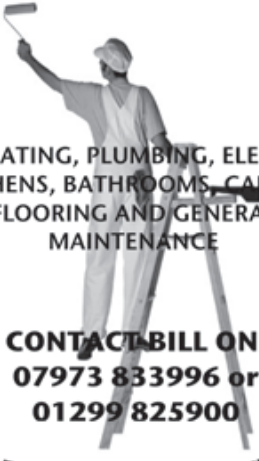


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WHAT'S ON IN HAGLEY? - JANUARY 2018

Monday January 1st

Dial a ride
Hagley – Stourbridge
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
Hagley Country Dancers
Free Church Hall - 2- 3:30pm

Tuesday January 2nd

Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre - 9 – 12 noon
String Orchestra
Free Church Hall – 10-12 noon
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre – 1:45pm & 3pm
Tuesday tea club
Free Church Hall – 2:30- 4pm
Active Seniors- Tai Chi
Hagley Community Centre – 4:30-5:20pm
Historical and field society
St Saviour's Church Hall – 8pm
'Leasowes Walled Garden' by Mick and Carole Freer

Wednesday January 3rd

Dial a Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Merry Hill
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
Mothers & Toddlers Group
Free Church Hall – 10-11:30am
St John's Bellringers
St Johns Church – 7pm
Western Badminton Club
Haybridge Sports Centre – 8-10pm

Thursday January 4th

Hagley Library
Storytime- 10:30-11am
Hand of Friendship
Fee Church Hall – 11-1:15pm
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre 1:45pm slightly challenging class
3:15pm slightly challenging class
Taekwondo
Hagley Community Centre – 6-9pm
Ladies Evening fellowship
Hagley Free Church – 8pm
Speaker: Mr K Knowles:Town Crier of Lichfield

Friday January 5th

Dial a Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
Messy Church
St Saviours Church Hall – 3:15-4:45pm
HCK Badminton
Hagley RC School 7-8pm beginners

8-10pm members
Hagley Art Club
St Saviours Church Hall – 7:30-9:30pm
"Adventures in Acrylic" – Carole Baker

Saturday January 6th

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm
Twelfth Night
St John's Church -7:30pm

Sunday January 7th

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School – 10am

Monday January 8th

Dial a ride
Hagley – Stourbridge
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12 noon
Hagley Country Dancers
Free Church Hall - 2- 3:30pm

Tuesday January 9th

Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre - 9 – 12 noon
String Orchestra
Free Church Hall – 10-12 noon
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre – 1:45pm & 3pm
Active Seniors- Tai Chi
Hagley Community Centre – 4:30-5:20pm
Village Ladies
St Saviours Church –7.30pm for 8.00pm start
A Quiz

Wednesday January 10th

Dial a Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Merry Hill
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
Mothers & Toddlers Group
Free Church Hall – 10-11:30am
St John's Bellringers
St Johns Church – 7pm
Western Badminton Club
Haybridge Sports Centre – 8-10pm
Wyo Forest talk
Blakedown Parish Rooms – 2:30pm
Mary Queen of Scots - an illustrated talk by David Templaman

Thursday January 11th

Hagley Library
Storytime- 10:30-11am
Hand of Friendship
Fee Church Hall – 11-1:15pm
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre 1:45pm less challenging class
3:15pm slightly challenging class
Taekwondo

Hagley Community Centre – 6-9pm

Friday January 12th

Dial a Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
HCK Badminton
Hagley RC School 7-8pm beginners
8-10pm members

Saturday January 13th

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm

Sunday January 14th

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School – 10am

Monday January 15th

Dial a ride
Hagley – Stourbridge
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12 noon
Hagley Country Dancers
Free Church Hall - 2- 3:30pm
Hagley WI
Hagley Community Centre - 2pm

Tuesday January 16th

Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre - 9 – 12 noon
String Orchestra
Free Church Hall – 10-12 noon
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre – 1:45pm & 3pm
Tuesday tea club
Free Church Hall – 2:30- 4pm
Active Seniors- Tai Chi
Hagley Community Centre – 4:30-5:20pm

Wednesday January 17th

Dial a Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Merry Hill
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
Mothers & Toddlers Group
Free Church Hall – 10-11:30am
St John's Bellringers
St Johns Church – 7pm
Western Badminton Club
Haybridge Sports Centre – 8-10pm

Thursday January 18th

Hagley Library
Storytime- 10:30-11am
Hand of Friendship
Fee Church Hall – 11-1:15pm
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre 1:45pm less challenging class
3:15pm slightly challenging class

Mother's Union Meeting

St Saviour's - 2.30 pm
Taekwondo
Hagley Community Centre – 6-9pm
Ladies Evening fellowship
Hagley Free Church –8pm
Speaker:MrJ Austin: Trekking Everest

Friday January 19th

Dial a Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
HCK Badminton
Hagley RC School 7-8pm beginners
8-10pm members

Saturday January 20th

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm

Sunday January 21st

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School – 10am

Monday January 22nd

Dial a ride
Hagley – Stourbridge
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12 noon
Hagley Country Dancers
Free Church Hall - 2- 3:30pm

Tuesday January 23rd

Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre - 9 – 12 noon
String Orchestra
Free Church Hall – 10-12 noon
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre – 1:45pm & 3pm
Ladies Afternoon fellowship
Hagley Free Church - 2:30pm
'Towards the future'
Active Seniors- Tai Chi
Hagley Community Centre – 4:30-5:20pm
Village Ladies
St Saviours Church –7.30pm for 8.00pm start
Chiropactic and massage by Jenny and Jane.

Wednesday January 24th

Dial a Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Merry Hill
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
Mothers & Toddlers Group
Free Church Hall – 10-11:30am
St John's Bellringers
St Johns Church – 7pm
Western Badminton Club
Haybridge Sports Centre – 8-10pm
Hagley Gardener's club

Annual Social (ticket only)

Thursday January 25th

Hagley Library
Storytime- 10:30-11am
Hand of Friendship
Fee Church Hall – 11-1:15pm
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre 1:45pm less challenging class
3:15pm slightly challenging class
Taekwondo
Hagley Community Centre – 6-9pm

Friday January 26th

Dial a Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
HCK Badminton
Hagley RC School 7-8pm beginners
8-10pm members

Saturday January 27th

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre – 10-1pm

Sunday January 28th

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School – 10am

Monday January 29th

Dial a ride
Hagley – Stourbridge
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre - 9-12 noon
Hagley Country Dancers
Free Church Hall - 2- 3:30pm

Tuesday January 30th

Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre - 9 – 12 noon
String Orchestra
Free Church Hall – 10-12 noon
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre – 1:45pm & 3pm
Active Seniors- Tai Chi
Hagley Community Centre – 4:30-5:20pm

Wednesday January 31st

Dial a Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Merry Hill
Hagley Playgroup
Hagley Community Centre – 9-12noon
Mothers & Toddlers Group
Free Church Hall – 10-11:30am
St John's Bellringers
St Johns Church – 7pm
Western Badminton Club
Haybridge Sports Centre – 8-10pm



THE TRAVELLER

travel section



Badger Watch by Esther Gittoes

Hiding behind meadows of green, a black and white face appears. With a scrunch of his nose, he peers from his set. Unaware, of the captivated audience watching him. He verges closer to the honey that has been left by the guide; perhaps almost routinely he starts to take a sip.

On the other side of the hide through the finger-marked window, you see a different type of animal. There, sit two captivated eyes looking through a pair of binoculars. The other is a perfectly poised photographer with a jittery finger over the shutter, both ready to spot their first badger. Two beings in the same line of sight, it's no coincidence, curiosity has bought one and nature have bought the other. Scribbles of timely occurrences are stamped in the visitor books, children with doodles of badgers and foxes as you turn the corner. Quietness hits the hide, as a second badger appears from the set, he's a little withdrawn than the first. Gradually, he leaves his set towards the first badger who continues to indulge in the honey trap. Whispers fill the hide as the watchers compare observations and with that, the badgers are alarmed and run back to their set.

The binoculars are lowered and the finger removes itself from the button. For that short period two animals catch a glimpse of each other and the waiting game begins again.

An hour passes by and the visitors become engrossed in their books and the pictures on the wall of badgers and birds. Among the overgrown meadows a burnt orange face appears. Its black beady eyes scan the perimeter and it's pointed snout brushes through the tall grass.

"It appears to be eating something", the man with the binoculars declares quietly.

His small-framed face is clearly that of a baby, he brushes the ground with each stroke. The fox eats for a quarter of an hour or so, indulging in its surroundings, unaware of the transfixed eyes watching him. But a shuffle of the grass and that fox too is startled. Before it runs like the badgers, it stops for a moment. Its body is like that of a lion in the wild, poised to pounce, it's fur trimmed ears are sharply pointed and it's dark round eyes stare straight into mine. I glance back into his before he flees the scene.

A SNAP REVIEW



This months review is of the film LION.

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This is an extraordinary true story of determination, survival and family. You will fall in love with both the young Saroo played by Sunny Pawar and the older boy played by Dev Patel. With a fantastic cast, this movie is sure to leave you sobbing as you become engrossed in Saroo's journey.

A true story of life lost and found.



BOOK REVIEW

This month's recommended book is **Jojo Moyes** 'Paris for one & other stories'.

This is the perfect book for those who love novellas. Jojo Moyes who also wrote the book 'Me Before You' creates a laugh out loud story about a girl deserted in Paris. Paris for one is about Nell, a girl who has been deserted by her boyfriend moments before they venture away on a romantic getaway. Eleven stories await your imagination inside these pages. Run a bath, grab a glass of wine and laugh out loud with this chick lit.



VILLAGE INFORMATION

Hagley Gardeners' Club

Our talk in November was by Lark Hanham, commercial manager of Hayloft Nurseries and Plants, Pershore. Lark explained the beginnings of the company and its growth to date, and her career, starting at 'Highgrove' for six years and then into the commercial side of horticulture with 'Scotts', the chemical and compost makers, before joining Hayloft Plants. She showed beautiful slides of the ranges of new and exciting plants coming to the market.

We start the year with our ANNUAL SOCIAL on 24th January. Entry is by ticket only. Apply to Judy Iliff 01562 883568 before 8th January. Nick Channer will entertain us with an intriguing Mystery of Agatha Christie.

February 28th is our AGM, when officers will be looking to new blood to further the clubs future. Nominations should be in before 1st February to Secretary Pauline Harris, 01562 882875. A full programme of the talks for the forthcoming year will be announced.

In January we can look forward to some of the following plants in flower. gorse, daffodils, snowdrops, aconites, dogwood, winter jasmine, heathers- Erica types, hellebores, some rhododendrons, bergenia, daphne, viburnum tinus and of course the primroses. Don't forget to put out some food and water for the birds.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year, and hope for good gardening weather.

John Oakes Chairman

Hagley Theatre Group



Happy New Year to one and all. The Youth Section took part in the Christmas Lights Switch On evening, in late November, singing a number of Xmas based songs which they had rehearsed for a number of weeks. Members collected donations amounting to £164.76 in aid of the RDA (Riding for the Disabled Association) a charity whose horses and ponies provide therapy, achievement and enjoyment to people with disabilities. This is in addition to the money raised during our last show, 'Sister Act,' which means that around £370 has been raised so far which will go a long way to sponsoring two children for a term of riding, bringing much joy to these youngsters. Thank you for your support. I should be in a position to provide details of the next show in the next issue of the Village News. If you are interested in joining and bringing live theatre to Hagley audiences please leave a message on 07907 457217 or e mail on (hagleytheatregroup@gmail.com).

Tony Forrest

Hagley Country Dancers

Following the Christmas break, we look forward to meeting again on January 8th, for more enjoyable exercise and conversation (or conversation and exercise) to liven up the dark January afternoons. This term, one of our younger members is stepping up to join the team of callers. Annie has done several half sessions already and is now preparing to take a full afternoon. This is very good news for the club as some of our callers are "getting on a bit" and it is important that younger members can come forward to ensure that the tradition of English Country Dancing continues.

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Should old acquaintance be forgot,
and old lang syne?

CHORUS:

For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.
And surely you'll buy your pint cup!
and surely I'll buy mine!
And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

CHORUS

We two have run about the slopes,
and picked the daisies fine;
But we've wandered many a weary foot,
since auld lang syne.

CHORUS

We two have paddled in the stream,
from morning sun till dine;
But seas between us broad have roared
since auld lang syne.

CHORUS

And there's a hand my trusty friend!
And give me a hand o' thine!
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We are at the community centre with strength and balance classes on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with classes at two levels. There are classes for the more active or recently retired person and also classes for those that need a less challenging option. We also have a Tai Chi for Health (arthritis and falls prevention) class late on Tuesday afternoon if you feel like trying this modernised version of the traditional form.

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MARY QUEEN of SCOTS- an illustrated talk by David Templeman.

Marjorie Fernihough



Friends of St John's Church

The Christmas Fayre at the Community Centre on Sat 18th November was again a great fund raising event and £1200 was raised. Thank you to everyone who helped and those of you who braved the wintery conditions that day to get some of the great bargains that were on offer. I baked three loaves of bread for sale on the cake stall. Unfortunately someone sold one of the loaves twice, so I now have to give Jo a loaf from my next batch. If you want to sample my bread making efforts there will be some to go with the cheese on Sat. 6th January.

Join us @ 7:30pm on Sat. 6th Jan 2018 for our Twelfth Night end of the Christmas season party celebrations at St. John's - Music, poems etc. with a free buffet and wine. Everyone is most welcome. So if you have friends or family staying with you please all come along.

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HAGLEY W.I.



At the November meeting Sheila Tremellen talked to members on her work in rescuing unwanted puppies and their mothers and finding new homes for them. This particular interest caught the attention of the BBC and they asked if they could film her and the animals and this was duly done. Sheila was also on a short list of three for an award to celebrate the work

of individuals in looking after animals - the final being filmed by the BBC. To her surprise she was chosen as the winner of the award.

She had also attended a Buckingham Palace Garden Party and was awarded the MBE for her work with the puppies and bitches. It was most interesting to hear in detail her experiences on the two occasions of her visit to Buckingham Palace and of the MBE award.

With the dark winter months with us we still have much to enjoy - a Christmas Lunch and the WI Christmas Party being highlights. To start 2018 Irene Oliver will talk to us on "Divine Intervention".

The January meeting is on the 15th January - the 3rd Monday rather than our normal second Monday.

Meetings are held at Hagley Community Centre at 2pm - should you wish to try us please contact Megan Bury on 01562 885215 for further information or just turn up on the day - we would be delighted to see you!

Megan Bury



St. John's
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Peal for Pudsey and Twelfth Night

Three of our young ringers – Alice, Sam and Robert - rang the Hagley tower bells with other young ringers from Belbroughton and Kinver on the BBC's "Children in Need" night on Friday 17th November for a full hour. Robert conducted the ringers with a

series of call changes for the full 60 minutes. Well done to them for a fantastic effort which has raised over £500. As the youngsters finished I heard Alice say "was that an hour?" They all made it look so very easy.

On Twelfth Night Sat. 6th January the end of the Christmas season party will take place at 7:30 pm at St. John's church by Hagley Hall, The new Hagley hand bells will be dedicated and shown publicly for the first time. Halesowen ringers will join them for a Medley of Christmas music. There will also be other music, poetry etc. and a buffet with wine. Entry is free and everyone is most welcome. So if you have friends or family staying with you please all come along.

Contact us via: ringers@hagleycofe.co.uk

Richard Scarth



I hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Here at HCK Badminton Club we celebrated with a very delightful evening at Wharton Park Golf Club, an event enjoyed to the full by all who attended. The next social event planned is a Beer and Skittles evening to be held in early March.

Now that the festive season is over, it's time to get back into shape and continue with the matches. All nine of our teams will be involved in the 23 matches that we have this month so there is no rest for anyone. Four of our teams are challenging for top spot in their respective divisions, with another three in contention for promotion places.

Our beginners / social section of the club recommences after a short break with another ten week run planned, commencing Friday 5th January. Anyone wishing to join us will be very welcome. This section of the club is pay and play at £5 per evening and rackets can be provided if required. No excuse not to come and give it a go. We play at Hagley Catholic School Sports Hall on Friday evenings. The beginners/ social section from 7pm till 8pm which is followed by the main club night from 8pm to 10 pm. (Match nights – Tuesday – 8pm till 10pm) For more information regarding the beginners or main club, please contact Libby Hewitt on 07849 356894 or Sam Ryder on 07979 243957.



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We were also delighted to see the increased turn out for the Remembrance Service; held this year at the Churchill Memorial and afterwards at service held in the Church of St James The Great Churchill –in –Halfshire.

In 2018, it being 100 years since The Great War ended, we are intending to raise the profile of our Legion Branch by holding monthly events shared between Blakedown, Hagley and Belbroughton.

The first of these events, being free - (apart from a raffle) – will be held at the new King Arthur Pub in Hagley on 24th January at 7 pm . There will be a guest speaker who will explain about the Legion, what it is and how it works. There will also be awards for the volunteers who have spent many years collecting for the Poppy Appeal.

The next event -Another Man's Shoes –tells the story of the Norwegian Resistance Fighters in WW2. It is a fascinating talk and well recommended. This will be on February 21st at Saint Saviours' Church Hall Hagley. Tickets available from committee members.

Other events will be published nearer the time, however one for your diary is Armed Forces Day on Saturday 30th June, when we will be holding a daytime event and an evening Fish and Chip supper with Blackwell Concert Band.

Hope to see you at one of our events.

Helen Roberts
Branch Secretary
BR3350

Love Hagley

Great news, our Facebook group is growing fast, it now has 1,900 members. If you're interested in your local community why not add yourself to the group? We've also got the website www.lovehagley.co.uk for news on all the positive goings-on around the community and the community centre itself.

The community centre is being used by more people than ever! We've filled a couple more timeslots with new and existing groups which underlines the need for the rebuild project more strongly than ever, so we can accommodate them with a more flexible and potentially bigger space.

We don't have an update on Hagwarts Harry Potter event at the time of going to press, but see the facebook group and website for details and pictures. Look out for further fund-raising events to come! Anyone can organise an event, you just need to decide what you want to do and set aside the time and really go for it! - why not have a go at raising money to help with the rebuild? Or if you don't fancy it yourself, why not join our team. Just contact Fran our PR/ Events/Fundraiser on contactme@francescaevans.com to be added to our growing team of fantastic helpers, whether on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

West Mercia Police Shield

Despite numerous enquiries no light has been shed on the whereabouts of the lost Police Shield and brass plaque which have disappeared from Hagley Library.

Worcester County Council , Steve Colella , and other members of the library service have been contacted and I still await information.

This West Mercia Police shield was given to the Ladies of Hagley following their support of the force during the investigation into the disappearance and murder of Stuart Gough in 1998 .

It was a prestigious award presented by the

Deputy Chief Constable at Kidderminster Police station.

The shield and the brass plaque explaining its origin were then formally hung in Hagley library for safe keeping .

THEY ARE NOW MISSING.

Any information which could lead to their recovery would be most welcome, they are of great importance to us as they mark a time of great tragedy in our community.

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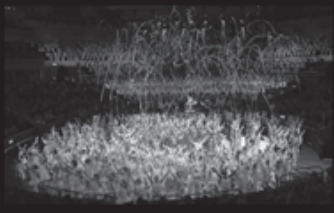
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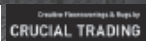
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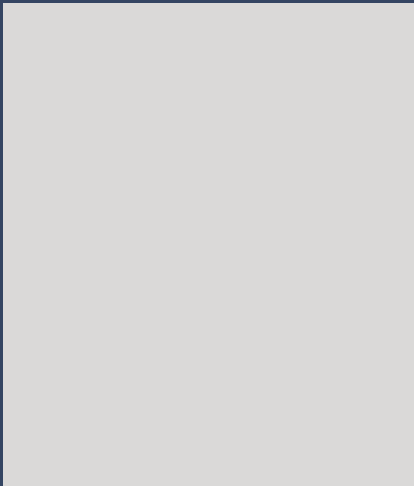
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